

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
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CENTRALISED INFORMATION GRID FOR EPF MEMBERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the EPF (Employees Provident Fund) has built a centralized information grid for the benefit of its members;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether all members would be provided with Social Security Numbers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): Employees Provident Fund Organisation is in the process of allotting a unique Social Security Number (SSN) to its members. The Social Security Number will be based on unique features of the worker and will have biometric details. The SSN will be unique and permanent for each member. This will facilitate the identification, settlement of claim, etc. independent of the employer. The SSN is a 14 all digits number, which will allow to maintain complete details of the members such as name, age, parental details, photographs and finger prints in the database.